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Homo Toxicus

Homo Toxicus, a 2008 film by Carole Poliquin attempts to enlighten viewers about all of the chemicals in their environment. The film argues that our environment is dangerous and polluted because of what we have put into it. Homo Toxicus examines several dangerous chemicals and hormones in our environment and their effect on humans and wildlife. The film was presented as comic and personal. By examining the environmental effects of various chemicals and comparing levels in her blood to various acceptable levels, Poliquin made her movie feel personal.

The film focuses on ecological problems, in the form of polluting the environment. There are many companies that produce chemical waste, and dump it into the water supply in small concentrations. Chemicals also are sprayed on food, and hormones are fed to animals. These chemicals are not only harmful to other species, but also to humans.

The most compelling part of the film was the toxic buffet at the end of the film. The food buffet was a very clear indicator that all of the food that we eat contains dangerous substances. In addition, many of the people in the film ignored the toxic buffet, which was also worrying that people would rather ignore problems than learn about them. In contrast, the long sections regarding specific incidents of frogs was not particularly compelling. The audience of the film is individuals who don't know how dangerous the chemicals around us are. The film is intended as a learning experience, not only for the viewers, but also for Poliquin.

The film could have included better information regarding what amounts, if any, of the chemicals are safe. In addition, the film could have included information regarding foods that are safe to eat, and places that are safer to live. The film did not provide direct plans of action because lobbying to have the "acceptable" values for the chemicals decreased is well beyond an individual's capacity. In addition, new chemicals must also be regulated, and preemptive action is required, instead of just regulating chemicals in the environment after it is already polluted.